

The Methodist Home has been serving children and families in Georgia for nearly 150 years. Like many organizations that have navigated over a century of change, we have grown and shifted over time. From primarily serving children through residential care, to expanding into counseling services, foster care and early childhood learning opportunities, The Methodist Home has branched out into six different sites across South Georgia over the last 30 years. Our response to the many changes in the child welfare system has been prayerful and intentional to ensure our mission stands firm – to restore childhoods, strengthen families and build up people.

Over the past year we have experienced a decrease in appropriate referrals for residential care. The Methodist Home's Board of Trustees and executive leadership has closely monitored this matter and in 2020, decided to reduce the capacity at Arabella home for girls in Waverly Hall by half – moving from ten to five girls. Despite our hard work, the challenges were great; making the continuation of the site unreasonable. The Board supported an effort to consolidate our services to one campus (The Carpenter's Way Ranch near Columbus) and explore options for the Arabella property. This work has been fruitful as God led an interested organization to us with a heart to serve a similar population and was in need of a location. Following a specially called Board meeting, we decided to sacrificially sell the property to this other nonprofit, paving the way for another faith-based program to serve in that area.

The Methodist Home's mission is alive and stronger than ever and we will continue to grow with concentrated efforts at each of our other sites to embody our commitment to serving the children, individuals and families in Georgia.